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RE: California Hospital Outcomes Report

Dear Dr. Werdegar:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment upon the California Hospital Outcomes Report. We are pleased to see that hospital outcome measurements are being presented to the public, and hope the validation project currently underway clarifies some of the identified limitations of the data being released.

In our lead role as hub of the regional, multi-hospital Cardiac Emergency Network, we continue to assure that sound processes are in place to treat the most seriously ill heart patients. Continuous quality improvement methods are used throughout the hospital to ensure the highest quality of care for our patients.

We look forward to the continuation and expansion of the outcomes project, and are happy to contribute and participate in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Sayre/M.D President & Chief of Staff

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